

Abstract

The present invention relates to an operation of an internal combustion engine (10), using the following steps: forming a value for a maximum admissible torque, forming
5 a dimension figure for the actual torque and comparing the dimension figure to the value and triggering an error response if the actual torque exceeds the maximum admissible torque. The method stands out in that the value for the maximum admissible torque is developed from a first approximation value and an estimated value for the torque contribution of an intervention of a fault regulator (52). The
10 present invention is also directed at a control unit (20) as well as at its use.

Figure 1